

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

AGENDA

DECEMBER 19, 1967

1. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of Oct. 23 and 24, 1967. (2)
- ✓ 2. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of Nov. 13 and 14, 1967. (2)  
Introduction of New Board Member - Clarence A. Guidry (2)
- ✓ 3. Seismic operations on Rockefeller Refuge - 23,000 acres, in  
Cameron and Vermilion Parishes, as requested by the La.  
State Mineral Board, (2)
- ✓ 4. Approval of La. Dept. of Public Works request for Commission's  
assistance on purchase of replacing crew boat domiciled at  
Empire, La. (4)
- ✓ 5. Approval of authorization on final payment for Ducks Unlimited,  
Inc. for 1966-67. (6)
- ✓ 6. Approval of Tensas Parish Police Jury resolution requesting the  
closure of the second 5-day doe deer season in Ward 7. (8)
- ✓ 7. Approval of Advance Builders Corp.'s application for temporary  
exploratory permit to core sample in Lake Cataouatche area. (9)
- ✓ 8. Commission adopts resolution supporting the La. Firearms and Hunter  
Safety Program, in conjunction with the National Rifle Assoc. (1)
- ✓ 9. Concurrence with Northwest Game and Fish Com. in permit for Placid  
Oil Co. pipe line to cross Clear Lake, Natchitoches Parish. (12)
- ✓ 10. Approval of awarding contract for construction of boat launching  
ramp and parking area on Lake Bistineau, Bienville Parish -  
Low bidder, J. T. Richardson - \$12,368.80. (13)
- ✓ 11. Acceptance of completion of contract by Hurricane Fence Co. for  
installation of water lines, drains and concrete work at  
Rockefeller Refuge. (14)
- ✓ 12. Approval of new right-of-way agreement with La. Power & Light Co.  
at South Pass area.- Port Eads. (16)

13. Acceptance of completion of contract by Klatex, Inc. for the construction of three timber pile supported concrete stop log water structures at Rockefeller Refuge. (17)
14. Approval of Cities Service Oil Co. request for extension of their present canal system, Plaquemine Parish, La. - Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area (Refuge). (18)
15. OTHER BUSINESS - Verbatim transcript from the tape.
  - (a) Commission took command of Director's final powers to hire and fire personnel of the Commission. (19)
  - (b) Employment of I. Coburn Hood to Commission as Executive Assistant to the Director (26)
  - (c) Nomination of new officers to the Commission. (  
Vice-Chairman H. Clay Wright (28)  
Chairman Jerry G. Jones (29)

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Monday and Tuesday, December 18 and 19, 1967.

Monday evening's meeting consisted of conferences of the Commission Members and the preparation of the agenda for the Tuesday Public Meeting. There was also an informal session held in the Director's office on Tuesday morning, December 19, 1967 which consisted of conferences with the Division Chiefs and the preparation of the agenda for the public meeting.

The Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, December 19, 1967, at 1:30 P.M., in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Members present at the meetings were:

Jimmie Thompson, Chairman

H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman

Clarence A. Guidry

Jerry G. Jones

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Hobson Norris

H. Clay Wright

**ABSENT:** Mr. Jerry G. Jones, was absent for the Monday evening meeting, but present for the Tuesday meetings, Dec. 19.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Chairman Thompson who stated that the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the previous meetings of the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Kyle, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the meetings of October 23 and 24, 1967, were dispensed with and approved as previously submitted to the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Guidry, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the meetings of November 13 and 14, 1967, were dispensed with and approved as previously submitted to the Commission.

Chairman Thompson then introduced the Commission's new Board Member to the audience, Mr. Clarence A. Guidry. He explained that Mr. Guidry will be replacing Mr. A. J. Buquet who recently resigned from the Commission. Mr. Guidry is of Houma, Louisiana and presently in the real estate business.

Chairman Thompson then called on Dr. Glasgow to explain to the Commission the seismic operations on Rockefeller Refuge.

Dr. Glasgow explained that personnel of the Commission recently met with representatives of the Louisiana State Mineral Board to discuss the possibility of leasing approximately 23,000 acres of land, located on the Rockefeller Refuge, Cameron Parish, Louisiana. Dr. Glasgow explained that the Mineral Board proposes to advertise for an exclusive geophysical permit and open and consider such bids as might be submitted. If determined sufficient, then they will

award a permit to commence on April 1, 1968 and terminate on February 1, 1969. Dr. Glasgow continued in stating that on or before the termination of the permit, the permittee would then be allowed to select a maximum of four (4) tracts constituting portions of the permit area, said tracts not to exceed 2,500 acres each, which tracts would then be advertised for bid. If these considerations offered were deemed to be adequate, then the Mineral Board would then proceed to award the lease or leases. Any mineral leases awarded would contain regulations such as contained in present leases on the area to protect the best interests of the Commission's property. Dr. Glasgow recommended to the Commission that their approval be given on these operations.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, representatives of both the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and the Louisiana State Mineral Board recently met to discuss the possibility of an exclusive geophysical permit for 23,000 acres of unleased land on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge in Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant approval to the Louisiana State Mineral Board to advertise for an exclusive geophysical permit and open and consider such bids as might be submitted, if determined sufficient, a permit may be awarded to commence on April 1, 1968 and terminate on February 1, 1969. Said permit shall be designated for approximately

23,000 acres of unleased land on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, lying in Township 16 and 17 South, Range 1 West, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before the termination of said permit, the permittee would be allowed to select a maximum of four (4) tracts constituting portions of the permit area, with said tracts not to exceed 2,500 acres each, which tracts would then be advertised for bid. Leases awarded would be let containing regulations to protect the area in the best interest of wildlife. If considerations offered were deemed to be adequate, a lease or leases would be awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson then called Dr. Ted Ford to the floor to explain the request received from the Louisiana Department of Public Works.

Dr. Ford stated that the Commission recently received a request from the Louisiana Department of Public Works asking for Commission assistance in the purchase of a crew boat for use in field work and operation and maintenance of the two navigation locks at Empire and Ostrica, as well as the Bayou Lamoque fresh water diversion structure. Dr. Ford explained that the boat presently being used by the Department of Public Works is a 34 ft. all steel crew boat, which was purchased in 1954. This boat is now in very

poor condition and in need of replacement. The Department of Public Works has advertised for bids on a new aluminum boat to replace it, for which the low bid received was in the amount of \$52,000.00. However, the Louisiana Department of Public Works only has \$40,000.00 available and, therefore, request the Commission's assistance in the purchase of this crew boat by furnishing the additional \$12,000.00 required. Dr. Ford said that in view of the fact that the Louisiana Department of Public Works has aided the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and especially the Division of Oysters, Water Bottoms and Seafoods, in various projects of construction and maintenance for the past several years and has operated the Bayou Lamoque fresh water structure and the two sets of locks for the benefit of the fisheries industries as well as other interests, it is recommended that the Commission grant approval for this request provided the Louisiana Division of Administration concurs in the approval of the allocation and expenditure of this money.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Public Works presently owns and operates a 34 ft. all steel crew boat, domiciled at Empire, Louisiana, which was purchased in 1954, and

WHEREAS, this boat is used for the operation and maintenance of the two navigation locks at Empire and Ostrica, which were

constructed primarily for fish and oyster interests, and the Bayou Lamoque fresh water diversion structure; exercised supervisory operations of construction on the Commission's contracts at Grand Terre and the surveying of oyster leases in conjunction with navigation projects, and

WHEREAS, the existing condition of the boat precludes its use for the above mentioned work, as this boat has deterioriated beyond repair.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant approval to the Louisiana Department of Public Works' request for assistance in the purchase of the replacement of an aluminum crew boat, for which the Commission's share of cost is to be \$12,000.00 with the Louisiana Department of Public Works financing the remainder of \$40,000.00. The total cost is \$52,000.00. Approval of this request is granted by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission provided approval of the Louisiana Division of Administration is also granted for the expenditure of these funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson then called Mr. Yancey to the floor to discuss a contribution of funds to Ducks Unlimited.

Mr. Yancey explained that for the past several years Ducks Unlimited has received contributions from this Commission for



the development and preservation of breeding grounds for migratory waterfowl in Canada. This is in accordance with Act 190 of 1960 as adopted by the Louisiana Legislature, that twenty-five cents (\$.25) of each two dollar (\$2.00) basic resident hunting license fee collected shall be dedicated to the preservation of migratory waterfowl. Mr. Yancey said that an advance payment on the 1966-67 license sales has already been made in the amount of \$50,000.00, leaving a balance of \$23,464.50 now that all license receipts are in. He then recommended that the Commission grant approval of the expenditure of the funds making a total of \$73,464.50 as the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's contribution to Ducks Unlimited for the 1966-67 season.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in accordance with law, R. S. 56:104: E (1) the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has dedicated funds to be granted to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for the development and preservation of breeding grounds for migratory waterfowl, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission had made an advance payment of \$50,000.00 to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for which 25 cents of each hunting license sold in Louisiana in 1966-67 is allocated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby give approval to grant Ducks Unlimited, Inc. the balance due in the amount of \$23,464.50. The total amount

of hunting licenses sold in Louisiana was 293,858, with 25 cents of each hunting license sold amounting to a total of \$73,464.50. Less the advance payment of \$50,000.00, making a balance due in the amount of \$23,464.50 for 1966-67 hunting licenses sold in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Yancey then told the Commission that a resolution was recently received from the Tensas Parish Police Jury requesting that Ward 7 be closed to doe hunting during the last half of the regular deer season which will open on December 26th. This matter was discussed with the Commission's attorney, Mr. George Stringer and he feels that under the provisions of Act 377 that it will be necessary that the Commission comply with the request of the Tensas Parish Police Jury since it relates to the taking of doe deer in one of the parishes that is exempted from the provisions of the act which gives the Commission authority to set doe deer seasons upon recommendations of staff biologists.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is in receipt of a resolution dated December 12, 1967, from the Tensas Parish Police Jury requesting the closure of the doe deer

season in the 7th Ward of Tensas Parish for the last half of the regular deer season.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby close the second five-day doe deer season, scheduled to open in Ward 7 of Tensas Parish on December 26, 1967, and that deer hunting will be limited to legal bucks only.

Chairman Thompson then called on Dr. Lyle St. Amant to explain the next item on the agenda.

Dr. St. Amant explained that recently the Commission received a request from Advance Builders Corporation asking for an exploratory permit to core sample in Lake Cataouatche in hopes of locating sand or gravel deposits sufficient to warrant their requesting a permit or lease from the Commission. The actual geographic location is approximately 29 degrees, fifty minutes north latitude and 90 degrees, thirteen minutes west longitude. Dr. St. Amant recommended that the Commission grant the Advance Builders Corporation a temporary permit beginning January 1 to June 1, 1968 to determine the core sampling to find out if it is feasible. Dr. St. Amant stated that he is conducting a study of the area to determine if there will be any conflict between fishery interests and the dredging; therefore, he recommended that the Commission grant this corporation a temporary exploratory permit.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Advance Builders Corporation has requested approval by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for an exploratory permit to core sample in the Lake Cataouatche area, and

WHEREAS, personnel of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission have conducted a study to determine if there shall be any conflicts in the interest of fish and wildlife in the area, and have found no problems present.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant a temporary exploratory permit to Advance Builders Corporation, beginning January 1, 1968 and terminating June 1, 1968, for the purpose of determining the core sampling of the water bottoms area of Lake Cataouatche, whose geographic location is approximately twenty-nine degrees fifty minutes (29°- 50') north Latitude and ninety degrees thirteen minutes (90°- 13') West Longitude. Should this corporation establish findings to their complete satisfaction prior to June 1, 1968, then, they shall have to re-apply for a permit to commence operations in this area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson then called Mr. Joe L. Herring to the floor for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Herring explained that at the Commission meeting in February, 1967, held in Shreveport, Louisiana, the Commission discussed and approved the initiation of a hunter safety program in Louisiana. Mr. Herring then recommended that the Commission adopt a resolution approving the continuance of this program.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, citizens of Louisiana have voiced an interest in hunter safety training in our State, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission have trained personnel in the field of hunter safety, who have initiated a program to be known as the Louisiana Firearms and Hunter Safety Program, and

WHEREAS, states which have Hunter Safety Programs in effect have, in some cases, experienced accident free years, and

WHEREAS, according to national statistics, firearms were involved in 2,600 fatal accidents in 1966, constituting 2.3 percent of the total accidental death picture that year, and

WHEREAS, 700 of these fatalities occurred pursuant to the sport of hunting, although there were 14,351,768 licensed hunters in the United States in 1966, and

WHEREAS, in 1966, hunters under the age of 19 purchased 21.4 percent of the hunting licenses and were involved in 64.3 percent of the total hunting accidents, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Firearms and Hunter Safety Program is designed for and directed to educate this age bracket in safe gun handling as well as sound conservation practices.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby recommend Commission personnel take the necessary steps to insure the success of the Louisiana Firearms and Hunter Safety Program as presently set up under the leadership and guidance of the National Rifle Association of America.

Mr. Herring continued by explaining that the Commission has recently received a request from the Northwest Louisiana Game and Fish Preserve asking for concurrence in their permitting the Placid Oil Company to cross Clear Lake in Natchitoches Parish with a six inch gas line. Mr. Herring stated that the Northwest Louisiana Game and Fish Commission have jurisdiction over this lake, but nevertheless they would like to have our approval concurring in this permit. Mr. Herring said that he has discussed this matter with personnel of the Commission and found this request to be feasible provided the Placid Oil Company comply with certain terms and conditions in order to protect the wildlife and fisheries in the area and for the prevention of pollution.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Placid Oil Company has requested permission from the Northwest Louisiana Game and Fish Preserve to cross Clear Lake

in Natchitoches Parish with a six inch gas line, and

WHEREAS, even though the Northwest Louisiana Game and Fish Commission have jurisdiction over this lake, they also request the concurrence of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission before final approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby concur with the Northwest Louisiana Game and Fish Commission in granting permission to the Placid Oil Company to cross Clear Lake in Natchitoches Parish with a six inch gas line, provided the following terms and conditions are stipulated in the agreement:

1. That pipes be put at a depth through the lake that they would not interfere with boats crossing, fishermen, skiing or other recreational use and that weights be put on the lines to insure depth.
2. That pipes and other equipment be maintained in good operating condition. Example: Replace lines or portions when needed.
3. Back fill all trenches or ditches dug by the oil company and weight on lines to keep under.

Mr. Herring then explained that the Commission had been recently notified by the Louisiana Department of Public Works of the tabulation of bids received on the construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area on Lake Bistineau in Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

There were a total of six (6) bids received with J. T. Richardson being the low bidder in the amount of \$12,368.80. Mr. Herring stated that it is recommended that this bid be accepted as it was submitted by a reputable concern and it is also in line with the estimated cost.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Public Works did advertise for bids on the construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area on Lake Bistineau, upon Commission request, for which a total of six (6) bids were received.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Department of Public Works to issue a contract to the low bidder, J. T. Richardson of Ruston, Louisiana, in the amount of \$12,368.80, for the construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area on Lake Bistineau in Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson then called on Mr. Allan Ensminger for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Ensminger explained to the Commission that the contract has been completed between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries



Commission and Hurricane Fence Company for the installation of water lines, drains and concrete work at the main headquarter's site of Rockefeller Refuge. Mr. Ensminger, therefore, recommended that the Commission approve the acceptance of the completion of this work as the company has met all requirements as set forth in the contract.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has inspected and found that the contractor has satisfactorily completed work specified under Contract No. of the Division of Administration P. O. DA-35140, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Hurricane Fence Company for the installation of water lines, drains and concrete work at the main headquarter's site of Rockefeller Refuge and is recommended that the same be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Hurricane Fence Company, under the Louisiana Division of Administration Contract No. P. O. DA - 35140, with said Commission, be and is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to furnish the contractor a certified copy of this resolution for filing in the Mortgage Records of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Mr. Ensminger then told the Commission of the new right-of-way agreement submitted by the Louisiana Power and Light Company for consideration. The Louisiana Power and Light Company have reduced the right of way fee to \$1.00 which is in line with State Laws governing right-of-ways for facilities of this nature.

Mr. Ensminger said that they have pointed out the fact that the original fee suggested by their company was made before a thorough examination of the power outlet was appraised at the South Pass facilities; therefore, if the original amount were required to be paid to the Commission, it would have necessitated the Louisiana Power and Light Company to increase the fees charged to the users at South Pass. Mr. Ensminger explained that this power line is primarily being installed to encourage the development of Port Eads as a commercial fishing and sport fishing site. Mr. Ensminger stated that this project is very worthwhile as it will aid many people in developing the natural resource in the area around South Pass and therefore, he recommended that the Commission approve the new right-of-way agreement retaining the same stipulations as incorporated in the original agreement, but changing the fee to be paid to the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Power and Light Company has re-submitted their request for a right-of-way agreement on the South Pass area, whereby they have reduced the fee involved, and

WHEREAS, with the installation of this power line, the development of Port Eads would be greatly encouraged as a commercial fishing and sport fishing site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve the right-of-way agreement with the Louisiana Power and Light Company on the South Pass area, retaining the same stipulations as incorporated in the original agreement, except the fee to be paid to the Commission. The fee shall be \$1.00 as in accordance with the State Laws governing right-of-ways for facilities of this nature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Ensminger continued by stating that the Commission received notice from the Louisiana Department of Public Works of the completion of Contract No. 5849 between this Commission and Klatex, Inc., contractor for the construction of three (3) timber pile supported concrete stop log water control structures within the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, Cameron Parish, Louisiana. Mr. Ensminger said that the contractor has met all requirements set forth in the contract and recommended that the Commission approve the final acceptance of this work.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed contract No. 5849, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Klatex, Inc., Contractor, for the construction of three (3) timber pile supported concrete stop log water control structures within the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, Cameron Parish, Louisiana and has recommended that the same be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that work done by Klatex, Inc., Contractor, under Contract No. 5849, with said Commission, be and is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the Mortgage Records of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Mr. Ensminger then said that the Commission received a request from the Cities Service Oil Company asking permission to install an access canal on State Lease 2938, Well No. 7, located on our Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area. Mr. Ensminger said that the proposal had been examined by personnel of the Commission and found to be feasible provided Cities Service Oil Company agreed to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement which shall be binding upon them.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Cities Service Oil Company to install an access canal on State Lease 2938, Well No. 7, located on the Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area. Permission is hereby granted provided the Cities Service Oil Company adheres to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement, which shall be binding upon said company, for the benefit and protection of the interest of wildlife and fisheries in the area and for the prevention of pollution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Beginning at this point and continuing until the final adjournment of the meeting, the minutes are recorded verbatim as transcribed from the tape recording.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, at this time, I would like to ask if there is any other business to come before the Commission.

Excuse me, O. K.

MR. GUIDRY: I would like to make a motion. I make a move that Dr. Leslie Glasgow is designated as the appointing authority for

all employees, classified and unclassified, subject to the advice and consent of the Commission.

MR. WRIGHT: I'll second that motion.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: There is a motion before the house and a second (Mr. Wright). Is there any.....

MR. CLYDE SMITH: We didn't get most of it back here.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Would you like, Mr. Guidry, to state that again please so that the people in the audience can hear.

MR. GUIDRY: Move that Dr. Leslie Glasgow is designated as the appointing authority for all employees, classified and unclassified, subject to the advice and consent of the Commission.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: All right, go ahead. And, this was seconded by Mr. Clay Wright. Anyone would like to have any comment on this?

DR. GLASGOW: I do. My sole objective in employing people for the Commission has been to get the best employees that I possibly could under the Civil Service regulations. I think it has been pretty successful and I think that anyone who cares to examine the records will find that it has been successful under the present system. So, therefore, I see no need for changing at this time.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I would like to comment on this too. In fact, I would like to ask a question, first. In other words, do you mean by your motion, the way I understand it, that Dr. Glasgow will appoint them first and then they will be confirmed by this Board or do you mean that this Board will confirm them first?

MR. GUIDRY: Any job that comes up, will have to come before the Commission first.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Oh, in other words you are taking the hiring and firing away from Dr. Glasgow. You are going to have him second to us. Is that the way I understand it?

MR. GUIDRY: If that is the way you want to word it, yes, I imagine so.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: No, I don't want to word it that way-- is that the way I understand it? Is that clear or am I correct, or what?

MR. GUIDRY: I would say yes.

MR. THOMPSON: Yes...well, I would have to vote against that, because I think that a man who is unable to control his employees would be without the power. This would definitely take away his powers away from him. I know that if I could not hire and fire my employees, well, I would be in a heck of a shape.

MR. GUIDRY: Well, I think that this is in a little different category. I think the Commission Members should know who is coming up for jobs and who isn't. I think we should vote on those.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Yes, of course.

MR. GUIDRY: We gotta know who is and who isn't.

MR. FAIRCHILD: We got 700 employees and I think it would be pretty hard and I think we would have to meet every day because

I think the occasion arises to hire and fire.

MR. GUIDRY: Well, when something comes up, get in touch with the Board.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Well, do you mean call a special meeting?

MR. GUIDRY: I would not say they have to call a special meeting each time. No, you probably might have two or three. He would have to know what jobs are coming up, and who is applying for them, I am sure.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Clarence, you would have to call a special meeting. We have in our minutes where we are no longer able to make a pole by telephone, so the only thing we can do is to have a special meeting. Are you going to remain quiet, Mr. Kyle?

MR. FAIRCHILD: I thought as this Commission was set up, the Board, I thought, was a policy-making Board and agreed to hire a Director and the Director to do the hiring and firing, because I think he will be more qualified to fulfill the needs and also who is working and not working. And, I think Dr. Glasgow has been Director for a year and a half and I have been on the Board for five years, I think that we have had better relations amongst the different departments and personnel than we have ever had and I don't think that Dr. Glasgow has hired a single man since he had been Director that anybody has objection to. At least, the press has been under that impression and I know that all of the sportsmen, federation and the people have been 100 percent behind everything that Doc's ever done. And, we



got a man that is qualified and I just have to vote no on it.

MR. GUIDRY: I have made my motion, and it has been seconded.

If you want to call for a vote, well, let's have one.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Well, does anyone else have anything they would like to say? Gentlemen in the audience, if you come to the microphone would you state your name and who you represent.

Yes, sir.

MR. KYLE: Mr. Thompson, I believe this is only business of the Board and the comments as far as debate in the audience is out of order.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Mr. Jones.

MR. JONES: I would like to hear Mr. Smith and it would be in order.

MR. CLYDE SMITH: I think you gentlemen all know me. My name is Clyde Devon Smith. I am the immediate past President of the La. Wild Life Federation. I am the vice-chairman of the Council of Sportsman's Clubs in Greater New Orleans. I have been very active in the affairs of this Commission for a good many years. I have seen the actions that this Commission has taken, and recently or probably a little bit more than recently, this Commission has developed into two factions. And in my personal opinion and probably the opinion of a great many others, we have one faction which represents the tax paying public

of Louisiana, and we have another faction which is trying to represent the professional politicians. We went through this situation several months ago in which this Commission took away Dr. Glasgow's powers of the administration of personnel and this was restored to him. Mr. Guidry here, is a newcomer to this Commission, but it's evident that he has received some coaching in order to have made this motion. Now, if I remember correctly, when Governor McKeithen released his announcement concerning Mr. Guidry's appointment to this Board, he stated that Mr. Guidry was not anti-Glasgow, he was definitely pro-Glasgow. Now, I would like to know wherein does the truth lie? There are several members on this Commission, actually whom I think and many others are of the opinion of, are serving illegally. May I remind this Commission that the Act which sets up the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission stipulates that there shall be three representatives from the coastal parishes and they shall represent the commercial seafoods and the fur industries. I have often wondered how Mr. Jerry Jones, Mr. Ed Kyle, and Mr. Guidry are representing the commercial seafoods and fur industries?

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Mr. Smith, I am afraid that I will have to stop you on that.....just one moment. I am going to have to stop that line, because that is not before the house at

this time. We are taking up the motion of taking Dr. Glasgow's hiring and firing and putting it into the command of the Board. So, if you would restrict your remarks to the other. I know what you want to say and I appreciate it, but you are out of order.

MR. CLYDE SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Excuse me, Mr. Guidry, I didn't want to cut you off there, but if you have something you would like to say, if Mr. Smith will yield to you. Will you yield to Mr. Guidry?

MR. CLYDE SMITH: I will yield to Mr. Guidry.

MR. GUIDRY: You said that I was not a representative of the seafood industry.

MR. CLYDE SMITH: No, I said that I would like to know.....

MR. GUIDRY: I beg to differ with you in the respect that I am in the seafood industry. I am a large stockholder in the La. Packing Company and Chauvin Brothers in Houma, La. If you would like to check the records, you may do so any time.

MR. CLYDE SMITH: I have heard of that affiliation. Gentlemen, let me remind you of one thing, when this action took place several months ago, the press in the State of Louisiana was very much in accord with the action that Dr. Glasgow had been taken. If you go ahead and take his powers away from him now, I can tell you one thing for sure, you are going to drive this man back to L. S. U. and what we are going to do then I don't know. I sincerely hope that when you take this vote, that you

vote to override the motion that has been presented by Mr. Guidry.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Smith. Is there any more comments that would like to be made at this time? Well, we will call for a question. All those in favor of Mr. Guidry's motion, will you please signify by raising your right hand. I count Mr. Jerry Jones, Mr. Clay Wright, Mr. Ed Kyle and, of course, Mr. Guidry who made the motion. I would like to see the right hand of those who oppose it. I count Mr. Hobson Norris, Mr. Fairchild and myself. Gentlemen, is there any other business that you would like to come before the Commission at this time?

MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, I would like, at this time, to bring back the appointment or call back Mr. Coburn Hood to the Commission in the same capacity, not in the same capacity as he left here, but as an Executive Assistant to the Director of this Commission.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Do you put this in the form of a motion?

MR. WRIGHT: Yes, Sir.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Do I hear a second to Mr. Clay Wright's motion? It is seconded by Mr. Ed Kyle. Do I have any other... We will call for a vote, if I hear no opposition?

MR. FAIRCHILD: Well, gentlemen, I don't know, have we gone

to hiring and firing the Director?

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Yes, sir. I left out that thing. It was just voted in and the power is now with the Board. Mr. Hobson Norris has the...

MR. NORRIS: I would like to ask Dr. Glasgow if he has place for him and if he wants him? You know, we are suppose to, according to some of our talks a short time ago, he would be considered on any hiring and firing that we had. I would like his comment on that at the present time.

DR. GLASGOW: Well, based on the previous motion, I am not in a position to make a comment, Mr. Norris.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, we better have a show of hands on this vote. Those in favor of hiring Mr. Coburn Hood as Executive Assistant? I count Mr. Jerry Jones, Mr. Clay Wright, Mr. Ed Kyle and Mr. Clarence Guidry. I would like to see those who oppose, the hands of those who oppose this.

MR. NORRIS: I would have to oppose this under the circumstances at the present time.

MR. FAIRCHILD: The same with me, I think. Coburn is one of the closest friends I've got, but I didn't vote to fire him, but I couldn't vote without even considering Doc on the matter. I think Doc would be the man, I would have to vote against it. I am not voting against Coburn.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I count Mr. Hobson Norris, Mr. Cotton Fairchild and I would like to abstain from voting. Is there any other business that would like to come before the Commission at this time?

MR. CLAY WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, I think it is customary to re-elect officers of this Commission.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Mr. Wright, I was going to call for that, but if you want to go ahead.

MR. WRIGHT: No. No.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, I would like to call for a nomination for new officers with this Commission. We would like to take first, the Vice-Chairman. Do I hear any nominations? Mr. Kyle.

MR. KYLE: I would like to nominate Mr. Clay Wright.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Mr. Ed Kyle nominates Mr. Clay Wright.

Do I hear a second to Mr.....(Voice - YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A SECOND) ..... All right, you don't have to have a second.

MR. FAIRCHILD: I nominate Mr. Hobson Norris for Vice-Chairman.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: And Mr. Hobson Norris, do I hear any other nomination. We will take Mr. Clay Wright first. All those in favor of Mr. Clay Wright, signify by your right hand.

I count Mr. Jerry Jones, Mr. Clay Wright, Mr. Ed Kyle and Mr. Clarence Guidry and Mr. Hobson Norris. All those in favor

of Mr. Hobson Norris, signify by raising your right hand.

I count Mr. Cotton Fairchild and Mr. Jimmie Thompson. We will take nominations now, for Chairman of this Commission.

MR. CLAY WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, I nominate Mr. Jerry Jones for Chairman of this Commission.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: All right, Mr. Wright nominated Mr. Jerry Jones. Do I hear any other nominations?

MR. FAIRCHILD: I nominate Mr. Jimmie Thompson.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Mr. Cotton Fairchild nominates Mr. Jimmie Thompson. Do I hear any other nominations? No other nominations, we will call for a vote. All those in favor of Mr. Jerry Jones, signify by raising their right hand. Mr. Jerry Jones, Mr. Clay Wright, Mr. Ed Kyle and Mr. Clarence Guidry. All those in favor of Mr. Jimmie Thompson. Mr. Hobson Norris, Mr. Fairchild and myself. Gentlemen, that takes care of our meeting as far as I know. Jerry, would you like for me to finish this meeting? Is there any other business that would like to come before the Commission at this time?

DR. GLASGOW: I would like to ask a one hour delay in the adjournment.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: You would like to ask for a one hour delay in the adjournment.

DR. GLASGOW: Before adjournment, yes sir.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gentlemen, you have heard the request of Dr. Glasgow, Is there any opposition?

MR. WRIGHT: I move that his request be granted, Mr. Thompson.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Moved by Mr. Clay Wright that we have a one hour delay before we adjourn. Do I hear a second?

MR. FAIRCHILD: 3 o'clock.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Seconded by Mr. Fairchild. Do I hear any opposition?

MR. KYLE: I thought you said we would get out of here by 2:30, and if necessary, I think, we should call another special meeting.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Well, Ed, the only thing we can do is to take a vote on it. Personally, I wanted to get out of here early this afternoon too. I want to go make some money for Jimmie Thompson, but I think this is important enough and I don't know what he has in mind, but I think.....Do you want to vote on it, well, we will take a vote on it.

MR. FAIRCHILD: Well, I think if he wants it, we ought to give it to him.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I can't help but observe how good a nose the news people have for news. I noticed that when we came in, all the cameras were trained on this end and it was so obvious. People operate fast now days. We will take a vote on the adjournment. All those in favor of waiting one hour



to adjourn signify by raising your right hand. I count Mr. Jones, Mr. Wright, Mr. Norris, Mr. Fairchild and myself. Mr. Guidry and Mr. Kyle abstain. We will adjourn for one hour and then reconvene at 3 o'clock.

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MR. FAIRCHILD: Mr. Jones, I would like to say something.

I wasn't clear in my mind on this resolution and I want to ask Mr. Guidry this question. Your resolution about the consent of hiring and firing I want to know one other thing. Does that exclude the raises, promotions, transfers from one department to the other. Suppose somebody did something and Doc needed to suspend, will we have to call a Board Meeting for that, too? Transfers, raises and promotions?

MR. GUIDRY: I don't mean any transferring or anything that would come up, he would have to discuss it with the Board.

MR. FAIRCHILD: In other words, raises, promotions, and transfers would have to come before the Board. Is that correct? O. K.

MR. JONES: Mr. Fairchild, if I might just explain one thing. The language that he used is the same language which is used in the resolution appointing the Director by the Commission. The words "appointing authority" that you find in that resolution are the same thing. They have a special meaning in as far as the Civil Service law is concerned. That is what he meant.

MR. FAIRCHILD: I thank you, that is all I wanted to know.

MR. JONES: Is there any other business?

MR. THOMPSON: I make a motion that we adjourn.

MR. KYLE: I second the motion.

MR. JONES: All are in favor that we adjourn.

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